

**William E Smith** was born in 1891 at Eyke, the son of a wheelwright. His parents were William and Julia Smith and he had at least two brothers, Percy and Victor. He was a gardener and worked at Rendlesham Hall.

He enlisted in the 2nd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, number 12713, and he became a Corporal. The 2nd Battalion served in France. In 1916 they took part in The Actions of the Bluff and St Eloi Craters then moved to The Somme for The Battle of Albert, The Battle of Bazentin helping to capture Longueval, The Battle of Delville Wood and The Battle of the Ancre. In 1917 they were at Arras, seeing action at Battles of the Scarpe and The Battle of Arleux. Rev Lucas recorded that he was wounded in 1915.

William was killed on 11th April 1917 at Arras.

